



# SYNOPSIS

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 23, 2015**

### **SB 822     Senators Jennings and Klausmeier**

#### **CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – ANGEL PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Angel Park, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 823     Senator Bates**

#### **ELECTION LAWS – LOANS TO A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY**

Prohibiting money received by a campaign finance entity from specified persons from being considered a loan; providing that the terms of a loan to a campaign finance entity require that the loan be repaid no later than the end of the second year of the election cycle immediately following the election cycle in which the loan was made; specifying that penalties assessed for violations of campaign contribution limits may be assessed against a lender, the candidate whose campaign finance entity received the loan, or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 13-230 - amended and § 13-604.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 824 Senator Edwards****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – ALLEGANY COUNTY –  
WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Allegany County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Allegany County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 825 Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITIES –  
DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Requiring, for fiscal year 2016, the payment of \$700,000 to the video lottery operation licensee for the video lottery facility in Allegany County from the proceeds of video lottery terminals at the facility; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**

SG, § 9-1A-27(c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 826 Senator Astle****ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS – TRANSFERRING  
DEVELOPMENT TO THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION**

Transferring the development of energy efficiency and conservation programs and services from specified utilities to the Maryland Energy Administration; requiring the Administration to oversee energy efficiency and conservation programs and services; requiring specified utilities to implement specified programs developed by the Administration; requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a specified customer charge; requiring the Commission to adopt specified regulations or orders on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015**

PU, § 7-211 - amended and SG, § 9-2010 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 827     Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CAMP WOODLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, restoration, and capital equipping of buildings and facilities at Camp Woodlands, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 828     Senator Muse****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – THE NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPUTER LAB PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$15,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The New Beginnings Community Development and Empowerment Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The New Beginnings Community Development computer lab project, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 829     Senator Conway****AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS – LICENSURE EXEMPTION – CLINICAL TRAINING**

Exempting individuals licensed to practice audiology or speech–language pathology in another state or a foreign country from a specified licensure requirement while the individuals are providing a clinical demonstration or receiving clinical training at a training or an educational event in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 2-301 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 830 Senator Conway****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – PROVISIONAL LICENSES**

Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to issue a provisional license for one year to an individual to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, clinical professional art therapy, or clinical professional counseling under specified circumstances; establishing specified qualifications and application requirements for the provisional license; requiring the Board to issue a provisional license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 17-301 - amended and § 17-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 831 Baltimore County Senators (By Request – Baltimore County Orphans' Court)****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – COMPENSATION**

Repealing provisions of law establishing the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County; requiring the annual compensation of the judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County to be as set by the County Executive and the County Council in accordance with specified provisions of the Baltimore County Code; applying the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 2-108(e) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 832 Senator Madaleno, et al****COMMISSION ON THE LONG-TERM CARE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROCESS**

Establishing the Commission on the Long-Term Care Medical Assistance Program Eligibility Determination Process; providing for the composition, chair, duties, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide specified data to the Commission on the request of the Commission; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 833 Senator Benson****PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE RATE LAW – PENALTIES AND LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

Increasing the penalty for specified violations of the prevailing wage rate law related to the posting of specified statements of prevailing wage rates; increasing the amount of liquidated damages for which a contractor is liable for specified violations of the prevailing wage rate law related to specified payroll records; and altering the amount of liquidated damages for which a contractor is liable when specified laborers or other employees are paid less than specified prevailing wage rates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SF, §§ 17-219, 17-220, and 17-222 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 834 Senators Pugh and Benson****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS – STANDARDS**

Altering specified requirements for certification as a qualified health plan in the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; prohibiting a qualified health plan from using a benefit design or implementing a benefit design in a manner that discriminates in a specified manner; prohibiting specified carriers from making specified formulary changes during a specified period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

IN, §§ 31-115(b) and (k)(2), 31-116(a), and 31-119(d) - amended and §§ 31-115.1 through 31-115.3 and 31-119(f) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 835 Senator Muse****REAL PROPERTY – FORECLOSURE MORATORIUM AND STUDY (FORECLOSURE RELIEF ACT OF 2015)**

Prohibiting a lender from maintaining an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property in the State for a specified period of time; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding specified foreclosure alternatives and report its findings to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2016; and providing for the termination of specified provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 836 Senator Simonaire**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NAME SUBMITTED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCY – REQUIRED APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide that the Governor shall appoint, subject to a condition, the person whose name is submitted by the designated central committee to fill the vacancy; prohibiting the Governor from requiring a central committee to submit the name of more than one person to fill a vacancy; deleting obsolete language; making stylistic changes; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 837 Senator Waugh**

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE

Authorizing a specified action to be brought to establish title against adverse claims to property; providing for jurisdiction, venue, and the application of specified statutes and rules in an action under the Act; establishing that an action is commenced by filing a complaint; establishing requirements for a complaint, an answer to a complaint, a cross-complaint, naming of defendants, joinder of parties, and service of process in an action under the Act; providing for the effect of a judgment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 14-108 - amended and §§ 14-601 through 14-628 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 838 Senator Waugh**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ANIMAL REGULATIONS

Repealing provisions authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to pass rules, regulations, or resolutions relating to dog licenses, the prohibition of dogs running at large off the property of the owner, the seizure and disposal of dogs found running at large, and the confinement of female dogs in heat; authorizing the county commissioners to enact a local law to provide a comprehensive system for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of specified animals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 13-129 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 839 Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS – PENALTIES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to provide that a violation of specified ordinances is punishable as a misdemeanor and enforced in a specified manner and to a specified extent and is a civil infraction and shall be prosecuted in a specified manner and to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 9-1607 and 9-1608 - repealed and LG, §§ 12-538, 12-618, 12-804, and 13-703 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 840 Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing an ordinance enacted by St. Mary's County regarding property maintenance to provide for a voluntary agreement between the county and an owner of real property for remediation by the county of specified conditions constituting a nuisance, including demolition of specified improvements; authorizing a voluntary agreement to provide for repayment by the property owner to the county of the costs of the remediation or demolition in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 93-5 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 841 Senator Waugh****CALVERT COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the Calvert County property tax specified personal property purchased by businesses from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2018; exempting specified personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on July 1, 2018; providing that specified personal property remains subject to the Calvert County property tax; providing that specified personal property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules



**SB 842 Senator Waugh****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the St. Mary's County property tax specified personal property purchased by businesses during the period from July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2018; exempting specified personal property from the St. Mary's County property tax beginning on July 1, 2018; providing that specified personal property remains subject to the St. Mary's County property tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 843 Senator Waugh, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MILITARY DEPENDENTS – IN-STATE TUITION**

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of active duty and retired members of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 844 Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – USE OF RIFLES**

Authorizing an individual who holds a Deer Management Permit to use a specified rifle to harvest deer throughout the year in Frederick County, subject to specified conditions; authorizing an agent of a permittee to use a specified rifle to harvest deer in Frederick County throughout the year with a specified firearms exception and to harvest deer in a deer firearms season only by using the weapon approved for the season; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-415(d) - amended and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules



**SB 845 Senator Edwards****SPRINKLER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS – TENTS – EXEMPTION**

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a tent is not required to have a sprinkler system if the tent is not used for lodging, serviced by a public water system, and attached to or incorporated as part of a building that is required to have a sprinkler system; defining a specified term; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, § 9-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 846 Senator Mathias****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WORCESTER COUNTY – DELMARVA DISCOVERY CENTER AND MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pocomoke for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum, located in Worcester County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 847 Senators Miller and Jennings****JUDGES – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE**

Proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution increasing to 75 from 70 years the mandatory retirement age for judges under specified circumstances; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 3A, 5A(f), 18B, and 41D - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 848**     **Senators Hough and Young****INTERAGENCY DISABILITIES BOARD – MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES  
– COMMUNITY INCLUSION TRAINING OVERSIGHT**

Altering the membership of the Interagency Disabilities Board; and requiring the Board to review the content and monitor the implementation of the training objectives and curriculum adopted by the Police Training Commission for a community inclusion training program at least once every 4 years or more frequently if requested by the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HU, §§ 7-128 and 7-131 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 849**     **Senator Cassilly****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE – JURY  
SENTENCING REPEAL**

Repealing specified provisions of law that provide a separate jury proceeding to determine whether a person convicted of first degree murder is sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole or imprisonment for life; establishing that a court may sentence a person convicted of first degree murder to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole without the requirement of a separate jury sentencing procedure under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 2-201(b) and 2-203 - amended and §§ 2-304 and 2-305 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 850**     **Senator DeGrange****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – GLEN  
BURNIE MASONIC LODGE 213**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the 213 Masonic Temple Holding Corp. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Glen Burnie Masonic Lodge 213, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 20, 2015****SB 720**     **Senator Ready, et al****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – CARROLL COUNTY –  
WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Carroll County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Carroll County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation